

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A playback apparatus is provided with a reception section and/or a medium holder from which provision date information and playback-permitted period information are provided along with content data. The playback apparatus is also provided with a playback section which plays the content data on the basis of information provided from the reception section and/or the medium holder. With this structure, the playback apparatus plays the content data on the basis of the relationships between the provision date information and the playback-permitted period information. Hence, the playback of the content data can be controlled in accordance with the intention of the content provider.

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